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Sir:

In accordance with MPEP 609 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant brings the references listed on the attached PTO-1449-Form to the Examiner's attention and request that they be considered and made of record in this application. Copies of the non-U.S. patents are attached.

I hereby certify that each item of information in the Information Disclosure Statement filed herewith was cited for the first time in any communication from a foreign patent office in any counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. A copy of European Search Report of the corresponding European Application No. 04 292 092 is attached hereto.

No fee is believed to be required in view of the above certification. However, Applicant authorizes the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to charge payment of the Petition fee Under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) *if required* and any other fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1836.

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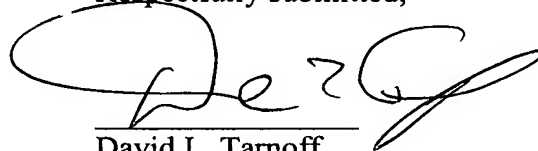
German Patent Publication No. DE 4129198 appears to disclose a bicycle transmission having sprockets movably mounted on a rear block to change gears. This publication was cited in the EP search report of the corresponding EP application, with column 1, lines 61-62 and Figure 1 being indicated as relevant to claims 1, 8, 9 and 11-15 of the EP application. An English abstract is attached to better understand this publication.

International Publication No. WO 95-13209 appears to disclose a gear-changing system for a bicycle. This publication was cited in the EP search report of the corresponding EP application with the abstract and Figure 1 being indicated as relevant to claims 1, 8 and 9 of the EP application. An English abstract is attached to better understand this publication.

International Publication No. WO 98-36960 appears to disclose a bicycle gear system. This publication was cited in the EP search report of the corresponding EP application with page 9, Figures being indicated as relevant to claims 1, 8 and 9 of the EP application. An English abstract is attached to better understand this publication.

Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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